

Christina Howie Lindsay Muir. 17th Nov. 1848

Christina was born in Bonnie Scotland at a place called Craighall, to William and Jane Blackwood Howie on July 3. 1823.

In her early years she lived out as a Dairy Maid, not only did she milk cows - make the butter but also worked in the gardens and learned to be a very good Cook.

In 1844 she married William Lindsay in 1848. They joined the L. D. S. Church, her husband, who came from a religious family was well versed on the Bible and went to set ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~missionaries~~ ^{missionaries} on the right track, as he was his family listened and ask questions they were convinced in their hearts these Elders were teaching the same Gospel Jesus Christ taught while he was here on earth. Their faith was strengthened as their little son ^{William} eighteen months old was cut in the eye by a piece of broken dish by another brother, He cried so hard with pain, the Elders were called in, after their blessing his crying stopped and he made little fuss after that, but he had lost the sight of that eye.

Her husband was made Branch President and they walked quite a distance to Church she carried a baby on her back, wrapped in a shawl while the others ~~trudged~~ ^{trudged} along beside their parents. He often took the older boys when he and others met to hold street meetings.

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William like his father and Grandfather were Coal Miners - they were Contractors to sink Coal pits as they were called and moved from place to place but never very far. At this time William was working as a Coal miner, times were hard and money scarce, he planned with his wife that the boys 10 years or older could work with him and save money for him to come to Utah, work and send money for she and the family to come and join him.

But this was not to be, he had friends turn on him because of his new religion. One night as he was returning home in the dark a pick head was thrown and just missed hitting him in the head, the men at the mine told Mr. Finney, the Boss - to fire Lindsay or they would quit as they didn't want to work with a Mormon - Finney's answer was, Lindsay is a good man, he gives me an honest days work, and he stays - you may quit if you like, but every man has a right to live his life the way he chooses.

On 17 Oct. 1861 he & the boys had filled the Coal Caw and as the boys pushed it to the front to be emptied. as the father dug more coal, they returned to find him dead with a slab of Coal fallen on him, they were so sad and upset, they knocked their light out and had a time going for help. their home life of love and kindness was shattered by sadness.

But Christina did not give way to grief, she and the boys did all they could to save money

As best they could and prepared to go to America, she had promised them they would do as father had planned and they would all go in the spring. The immigration fund was being given by the Church in Utah and to be paid after persons accepting it could pay when living here -

And so it was April 19. 1862 they sold what they didn't need, packed what they did need and left for London. She and her eight children leaving her dear husband and ~~two~~ ^a children buried in Scotland. Her mother was very kind to her and the children but her father felt she was wrong to join the Mormons.

They came on the sailing ship John J. Boyd, with 700 passengers aboard and James S. Brown in charge with John G. Lindsey and Joseph C. Rich as Counselors. The wind rocked the boat but they arrived safely at Castle Garden, New York and then by train, at one time they were close to the firing line, with soldiers in Blue on one side and in Gray on the other.

Christina ask why and when she was told it was a war between the North and the South she said "I shed tears of joy, not because of the strife and blood shed but because of reading the scriptures and now I was so sure Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God, as he had said many years before that this war would take place."

As they landed at Florence, Nebraska. Uncle Robert Mc Knight - The Herb Dr. who lived in Scotland met them with a basket of Scotch scones and some butter milk - which was a very special treat to them after Sea Biscuits

But Christina had saved some hard sea biscuits and bought some Molasses to soften them up for their food there. Uncle Robert had also found them a house to live in, they were there seven weeks waiting for teams to come from Utah with a new supply of food and to take them on to Utah.

In three weeks the Montgomery family of Scotland came, and Christina said Come and share our house - there were eight of them and nine Lindsays, made quite a house full, they had a good time and were good friends as long as they lived, which was at ~~Utah~~ Utah.

The Ox teams came from Utah on July 20, and what a sight, Oxen were something new to the immigrants - there were 50 men, each driving 4 yoke of Oxen, cracking their long whips calling to the Oxen Ha and Gee - + Woa.

The Lindsay and Montgomery families were assigned to John Turners wagon, Horner Duncan was the Captain, this was the first company to leave Florence, Neb. for Utah that year, Mr. Montgomery told the driver John Turner - drive Careful and get us there safe and I'll let you have your choice of my daughters for your wife - she being willing - and he did - He chose Agnes as his wife - they were fine people and as long as Agnes (Aggie) Turner lived she was a close and very choice friend of the Lindsay family - especially William and Mary as they lived near each other.

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Kersty Muir by her Scots friends, Could be
seen going to help some mother bring her
new child into the world she did this with
others came younger and more able than she
Her husband was called by Brigham Young
to locate mines in Utah and Wyoming.
A group of twenty men from Peter mine worked
as Echo on the Rail Road being built they
felt they could enjoy some one else cooking
beside their own and sent William Lindsay
to Peter to find help. he returned with his
mother, her stove and utensils and his best
girl, Mary Muir to do the cooking and keep the
place clean. They lived in a dug out which the
men had very clean and neat. And they were
patriotic for such good and cheerful cooks who
made \$4.50 per month and were there the month
then their part of the Rail Road Contract was
finished and they returned home.

Christina had a sewing machine which was one
luxury few had, she sewed very well and when
not involved in home duties sewed for others.
She went to Evanston and kept a boarding house
and did very well with it. her sons worked
there too. And they were able to get a Red Sand
stone house built in Peter at 2 E. + 2nd St. (Corner)
The boys did a lot to get the stone to the place
and had a man lay the stones with the boys
helping with the mortar, this Red Sand stone came
from Crooks Quarry in Lake Creek. The tabernacle, Stoves homes
and all built of this stone, some still standing.

Christina took ~~her~~ a home stead in Center Creek
and lived on it to "Prove up on it" then she divided
it between her sons John L and George L. Now
John L's son Curtis has maintained his fathers
she was a faithful Latter Day Saint, to the end
of her days. She had many friends and as
a child I have enjoyed many of her Scats (Stones
Baked ones) and her Good jelly on it, beside Good
Lemon Custies - but she impressed me so much
that the Temple was a most wonderful place. It
was built so our Savior would have a place
to come to when He chose - She taught me the
song in our Sunday School song book - "We want
to see the Temple" And instilled in me the desire
to go to the temple when I would be married. She
often came to the William Lindsay Farm lovingly
called Lindsay's Dale by William and Mary. We
loved to have her come and to listen to her
faith preserving stories, she often let us ride to
the brow of Lindsay's (our) hill in her buggy with
her and she would stop the horse and have us
look at our beautiful Timpanogas - the other
mountains and hills that surround us and
into the lovely Green valley and tell us - "It looks
as if we are in the Center of God's Hand."
Her son William was called on a mission to
England Mar. 20, 1905. She became ill and As that
William's wife Mary came and care for her. While she
was at summer school but Annie was at
Grandma's house with her mother. Grandpa George
was there too. And there was love and kind
care and stories to hear as I was 14 when she died
on July 25, 1906 at her home in Utah. Many loved ones
and friends attended her service. And testified to
her goodness and her strong testimony of her L. D. R.
Religion.

I Annie L. Clyde have enjoyed writing this bit of
story of my Dear Grandmother.
Aug 20, 1974 over →

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Samuel " Mary Reid

John " William D. Sheppard

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